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ROBERT GARRETT, second son of the late John Garrett, who was, as is well known, for many years President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, was born in Baltimore, Md., April 9, 1847. After receiving his preliminary education in the best schools of his native city, he entered Princeton College. After leaving college he went to Europe, where he spent considerable time in travel, returning, however, to the United States in 1871, at which time he entered the Baltimore & Ohio service as assistant to the president. A little later he was elected President of the Valley Division of the Baltimore & Ohio, extending from Harper's Ferry, W. Va., to Lexington, Va.; and during his administration, which continued until February, 1875, the road was brought to a high state of efficiency, and developed into one of the most valuable feeders of the Baltimore & Ohio system. Retiring from the management of the Valley road in 1875, he again devoted several years to travel in various parts of the world and in recreation, and on October 8, 1879, he was elected third vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio. He was advanced to the position of first vice-president July 13, 1881, and remained such until the death of his father October, 1884, when the directors of the company elected him acting president, and a month later president. His first step of importance after assuming control of the great system was to endeavor to secure control of the P. W. & B. R. R., in which he was thwarted by the Pennsylvania Company when apparently upon the eve of success. Then followed the building of a parallel line to Philadelphia in face of legal and physical obstacles which seemed insurmountable. Soon after this he sold the Baltimore & Ohio telegraph system to the Western Union Company.

He continued as president until October 12, 1887, when he resigned, after which time he lived a quiet life; during that period traveling a great deal both in this and foreign countries.

During Mr. Garrett's incumbency of the office of President of the Baltimore & Ohio, the head of the company was confronted with the solution of financial problems, which proved too much for Mr. Garrett's health, and for more than nine years he was an invalid. Mr. Garrett was married about fifteen years ago to Miss Mary Frick, daughter of William F. Frick, a leading capitalist of Baltimore, who survives.